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IN RE APPLICATION OF
GUITARD ET AL.
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FOR: USE OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Art Unit: 1614
Examiner: Weddington, K.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding action dated August 21, 2002, in the above-identified application, having a period for response set to expire November 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claim 4.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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3 5. (Once amended) The method of claim 1 for the treatment of diseases and conditions associated with isolated prandial hyperglycemia and/or IFG.

Add the following claim:

B2
11. The method of claim 5 wherein the diseases and conditions associated with isolated prandial hyperglycemia and/or IFG are selected from the group consisting of obesity, increased age, family history of diabetes, diabetes, during pregnancy, dyslipidemia, high blood pressure, uricemia, insulin resistance, arterial occlusive disease, atherosclerosis, retinopathy, nephropathy, angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, and stroke.